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SUBJ: SURINAM PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS

1. SURINAM'S PRESIDENT, DR. JOHAN FERRIER, AND HIS WIFE LEFT PARAMARIBO MAY 20 FOR A TEN DAY PRIVATE STAY IN THE NETHERLANDS PRIOR TO BEGINNING STATE VISIT THERE JUNE 1-4. MINISTER PRESIDENT ARRON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS MINISTER FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALSO LEFT SURINAM MAY 22 TO JOIN PRESIDENT FERRIER FOR THE OCCASION. DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS VAN DER GELD WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE VISIT.

2. THIS IS PRESIDENT'S FIRST STATE VISIT SINCE SURINAM BECAME INDEPENDENT IN NOVEMBER 1975, AS SUCH, IT IS A SYMBOLIC RE-ARRIRMATION BOTH OF SURINAM'S NEW STATUS AS A FULL AND INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AS WELL AS OF THE LONG AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN SURINAM AND THE FORMER METROPOLE. THE PRESIDENT, HAVING SPENT A LEAST TEN YEARS IN THE NETHERLANDS AND WITH TWO DAUGHTERS PRESENTLY ENROLLED IN DUTCH SCHOOLS, IS HOWEVER NO STRANGER TO HIS HOSTS AND HAS VISITED THERE PRIVATELY ON TWO OCCASIONS SINCE SURINAME'S INDEPENDENCE.

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3. VISIT WILL PROVIDE MINISTER PRESIDENT ARRON WITH OPPOR-TUNITY TO DISCUSS STATE OF NETHERLANDS-SURINAM RELATIONS, AND PARTICULARLY QUESTIONS RELATING TO NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO SURINAM AND THE REMIGRATION OF SURINAERS NOW LIVING IN HOLLAND, WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS IN THE HAGUE. NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED, HOWEVER, BOTH BECAUSE OF LARGELY CEREMONIAL NATURE OF PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT AND FLUID

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